

**COUNCIL MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA
JANUARY 10, 2023**

AMENDED

Council Member: You are hereby notified that there will be a regular meeting of the Boone County Council at the Boone County Office Building, 116 W. Washington St., in the Connie Lamar Meeting Room, Room 105, in the City of Lebanon, on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 8:30am.

Councilwoman President Elise Nieshalla called the meeting to order. Council members in attendance were Kevin VanHorn, Aaron Williams, Jennifer Hostetter, Don Lamb/via video, and John Riner. Councilwoman Wilhoite absent, but was on phone for a little bit.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Nieshalla asked for a motion to approve the council minutes from the December 13, 2022. Councilman Williams motioned, and Councilman Riner seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

Election of Officers

Councilman Riner made a motion to keep the same, Councilwoman Hostetter seconded. Motion carried, 3-2.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman Nieshalla gave an update of the ARP Funds and Project List, should be getting \$5-6 million second time around. Cum Bridge was added to project list. Jeff Wolfe stated of Grassy Branch to GM when new \$\$ comes in need to reapprop \$1.5 million back to Grassy Branch.

Kassie Frazier, Executive Director of Sylvia's Child Advocacy Center, request for ARP Funds in the amount of \$10,000. Ms. Frazier stated they have teamed with Witham for some of the money for the Center of Hope, because it would be located at Witham Anson. Councilwoman Nieshalla stated they would vote on it next month.

Councilwoman announced there is a new sign-up feature on County Website to sign up to be on the Council Agenda.

Nick Parr with Highway discussed execution of 2 financial commitment letters (INDOT – for Bridge Preservation projects) Applications out now for Bridge Preservation. Bridge 17 demo and concrete layer on top. Engineer \$\$ in 2023 construction \$\$ to be budgeted in 2025. Bridge 17 (2023) is for \$100,000.00, Councilman Riner made a motion, Councilwoman Hostetter seconded. Motion carried, 5-0. Bridge 19 (2025) is for \$160,816.00, Councilman Williams made a motion, Councilman Riner seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

State reduced Cum. Bridge Levy.

SALARY ORDINANCE REQUESTS:

Jail Project Manager Position – Salary and Benefits-Jail LIT. Table til February 2023. Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion, Councilman Williams seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

HR and General Maintenance positions from PT to FT. Donnie Lawson stated they have interviewed 5 people and they are all looking for Full-time, so make it 35hrs at \$21.43/hr, Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion, Councilman Riner seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

Max with Maintenance stated he needed another fulltime at \$19.42/hr at 40hrs. Councilman Riner made a motion, Councilwoman Hostetter seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

SALARY AMENDMENT:

Added Opioid Settlement Funds 1237 and 1238, so Steven can pay a couple people out of these funds. Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion, Councilman VanHorn seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPROPRIATIONS

N/A

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Appointment Ordinance was read and Councilman Williams made a motion, Councilman VanHorn seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

Discussion of 2024 Budget process, talked about major changes in June, continue discussion in February Council meeting.

Timeclock Plus update – Councilman Williams stated to stop project until updates are discussed, continue discussion in February meeting.

Jeff Wolfe will give an update next month in February regarding the PUD project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Williams seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

Minutes Prepared by Melissa Smith, Deputy Auditor.

Elise Nieshalla
Boone County Council President

Date

Debbie M. Morton-Crum
Boone County Auditor

Date